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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Notice dated July 25, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested.

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Insert the attached Abstract after the claims pages.

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is requested.

The specification has been amended to include the attached Abstract.

A copy of the Notice dated July 25, 2002, is attached.

Contrary to the statement in the attached Notice that a computer readable form of the Sequence Listing has not been filed, the applicants submit that a paper and computer readable form of the Sequence Listing was filed with the application on February 9, 2001.

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The Office is requested to see the attached Post Card Receipt indicating the same.

Moreover, a Statement indicating that the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same was also filed February 9, 2001, as indicated in the attached Post Card Receipt. A further copy of the Statement or Letter and paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed February 9, 2001, is attached. Nothing further should be required in response to the attached Notice however the Office is requested to advise the undersigned if otherwise.

An early and favorable action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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